

## Feltham History Group April 2022 monthly meeting and AGM

The Chair opened proceedings with his customary greeting and a brief outline as why this AGM [pandemic] was the first since 2018, he continued that under an emergency measure 'as per the group's' constitution that those 'in post' as at 2018 remain so for the duration of such pandemic to enable proper functioning of the group's affairs.

The Chair then observed the required procedure for such meetings together with other pertinent remarks. Following the opening remarks, the Chair called for submission of reports by duly elected officers of the group (see website)

The Chair called for reports to be proposed and seconded as a true account of the groups' proceedings and activities for the combined fiscal years 2018/2019/2020/2021 ending March 2022.

Following the submission and approval of the reports the Chair dissolved the current Committee and called for nominations for a new Committee, as set out under the Group's Constitution.

The Secretary [thereafter] conducted proceedings until a new Chair was elected; following which the Secretary handed proceedings to the newly elected Chair who then resumed with election of other executive posts, id-est

**Chair**, Roger Cowing – **vice Chair** 'vacant'

**Hon Secretary**, Alan Rice – **Assistant Secretary** Mike Dance

**Treasurer**, Tony Fredjohn – **Assistant Treasurer** Roger Griffiths

The above were elected to serve for fiscal year 2022/23

**AOB**, there was one item in AOB and that was to agree a new 'start time' for the general meetings, i.e., 7-45pm.

As there was no further business the Chair thanked those there present for their attendance and closed the meeting.

**Secretaries report 2022/23**, forthcoming meetings, talks and other events.

The monthly meetings will continue 'as published on our website' together with other activities of the 'group' for fiscal year 2022/23. With regard our Spring Talks the venue this year will be at St Dunstan's Church, beginning Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April when James Marshall will present a talk on General Aircraft Limited with on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May the Hon Secretary will talk on the censuses of Feltham 1841 – 1911.

Our annual visit to St Dunstan's Church is subject to confirmation as is our visit to St Mary's at Bedfont. We will be participating in Feltham Fete 25<sup>th</sup> June and a special event presented by Hounslow throughout June July and August [info not to hand]

We are also planning a series of short walks in July, August and September; the walks will not be too arduous but stout shoes are advised together with utility garments and a kit bag full of vitals! They will be planned to be circular in nature 'where possible'. As we have spoken much on Hanworth Brook we thought that members may wish to view this 'delight' We are also considering a walk around Bedfont Lakes Country Park culminating with a walk around Bedfont churchyard extension and the municipal cemetery. If members have further suggestions, please let us know.

The short talks for the monthly meetings are as here proposed year 2022/23

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Looking Back 'a compendium' (RC)
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Peel Family of Feltham House (TF)
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	
July	'no meeting'
August	'no meeting'
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hanworth (Ealdford) Mill AR
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Drinkwater family (TF)
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	an appreciation of the contribution and commitment, both local and public with regard community and social participation to Eddie Menday on his 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday (AR) followed by a Remembrance talk (TF)

December

February 2023

March 2023

Hon Secretary

A. Rice

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Treasurers accounts 2019/20/21/22 TF, in the absence the Treasurer the report was given by the Assistant Treasurer Roger Griffiths.

Since 2019 the only income we have had is one five-pound donation in 2020 and our balance has reduced from £555.54 to £268.05 with no subs being collected for 2020 or 2021.

The expenditure is for expenses by the Secretary along with the rent we pay to Christ Church for the use of the premises for our Tuesday meetings. We have an agreed fix fee of £50.00 per year and we have met our obligations up to this year, next payment is made in December this year.

If all subs are paid In April this year, then our balance should significantly increase, and we can meet our obligation for the St. Dunstan's talks.

There will be extra funds as am at present selling copies of Looking Back at £5.00 as Eddie gave me 25 copies for use in the school where Jane is a teacher, and these are now surplus to requirements.

Will bank this money along with any money you receive at the April meeting.  
Tony Fredjohn Treasurer

### Feltham History Group April Meeting 2022

The chair greeted attendees and spoke of a visit that he and the Honorary Secretary had made to the ex-Chair's home 'Eddie Menday' Ed asked to be remembered to all

Items of Interest

Cavendish Terrace

There was one matter under items of interest which in answer to the Hon Sec gave a reply to an enquiry made at the February meeting regarding Cavendish Terrace

Cavendish Terrace



There is little to connect the Dukes of Bedford, i.e. the Cavendish family, with Feltham save that a Cavendish married a Lady Moyra who was daughter of William Beauclerk, 10th Duke of St Albans in 1895. It is known that successive

Dukes of St Albans have held land hereabouts since the seventeenth century, one in particular holding a certain association with a purveyor of oranges!

pre Enclosure



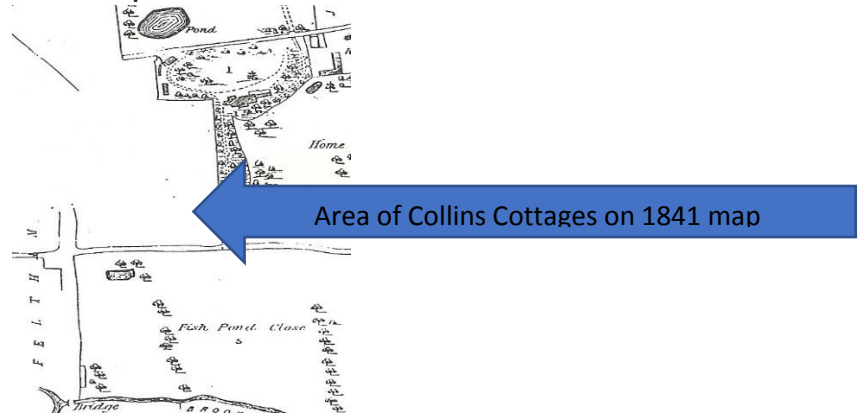
What can be given 'however' is the history of the land 'pre and post' enclosure. The pre -enclosure map shows 'top to bottom' the High Street with Feltham brook and below that the Bridlepath -- 'below which is a piece of land where eventually Cavendish Terrace was built

Miss Read by Gainsborough 1777



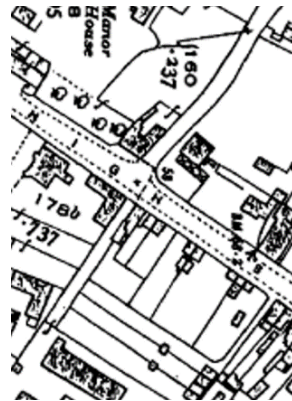
In the enclosure document of Feltham there is recorded 'pre and past enclosure' land in the ownership of Mrs Frances Villebois nee Read and described thus 'two cottages & garden and an orchard' - -The southern fringe of which abuts an ancient 'way' that ran between Bedfont and Hanworth and referred to as the Bridle Path.

## Estate Map Feltham Place

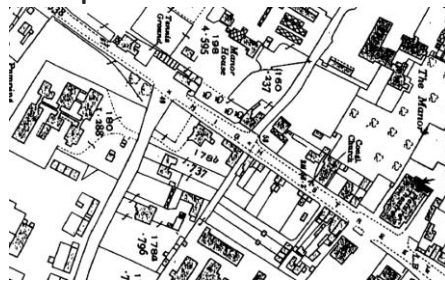


This estate map shows the site of Collins Cottages 1841 - at that time the owner of the land was a Mr George Thackrah 'a builder' he died in 1847 and was followed by Mr Augustus Westmacott 1847 – 1861 then the Mr Honourable Charles Peel 1861 – 1870 – 'Collins Cottages' were built sometime between those dates

This is the 1864 O/S Map of the area the cottages are bottom right



and the 1934 O/S Map of the same – not much has changed



It would seem that the cottages 'when first built' had no house names and certainly no numbers. It is not until the description given in the countryside evaluations of 1909/13 that ownership of the 11 cottages is given; and it reads thus, 'owner Mr James Collins and evaluation detail for number(s) 1156 and 7 are as follows - "a semi-detached house(s) with shop built forward at front. Contains top floor 2 bedrooms. Ground floor, shop, parlour, kitchen and Scullery with 'copper and sink' and garden, which is 'vacant' - nr 1158 on the list is described "brick and slated cottage 'old and dilapidated' containing on top floor 2 bedrooms. Ground floor -front room with stone floor, back room

with no fireplace –it has a long garden in front and its position is given road to Hanworth Park, this is significant as it infers that it abutted the Bridle path - ‘it continues ‘ “ *there is no dividing fence to adjoining cottage* – and it finishes with “*let to Canfield for 4/- per week*

Others had similar description – and here is the only view, albeit a composition of buildings along the High Street but Collins Cottages are the ones on right. Kellys in 1871 number them 73 to 91 inclusive High Street Collins Cottages



Given the dilapidations described it was a blessing that they were removed and replaced by the Cavendish Terrace of today in the mid 1930's

Kelly's Directory of 1937 records Cavendish Terrace as being “largely unoccupied” whereas the 1939/40 Kellys for Cavendish Terrace records a curious numbering system, i.e., nr1, 1a,

4, 5, 6, 7, and 7a, actual occupancy is given thus – 1 Paxton Brothers ‘Printers’ 1a Paxton Brothers ‘flat’ 4, Violet Tonkinson ‘house and shop’ 5, D Tomlin ‘house and shop’ 6, Miss Jessie L Hatch ‘house and shop’ 7, ‘unoccupied’ and 7a Ronald G Waring ‘flat’

Kelly's directories and the like are good places to begin with regards the occupancy and use of premises – they can be accessed at Feltham Library Forthcoming events

**Under forthcoming events** the chair gave notice of two History Talks, the first 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 ‘General Aircraft Limited Feltham’ at St Dunstan's Church Feltham (James Marshall) and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 ‘An Enumerator Calls’ (Alan Rice) also at St Dunstan's Church

**AOB** - There was no AOB

There was no actual short talk this month therefore a compendium of items on local history that appeared in the Middlesex Chronicle by Eddie Menday called “Looking Back” these were orated by the Chair

Next meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

At which the short talk will be ‘The Peel Family of Feltham House’ by the treasurer Tony Fredjohn

The meeting finished at 9-13pm